# Minutes of the Meeting of the Business and Corporate Law Section of the Idaho State Bar

# November 11, 2020

# Call to Order; Attendance

A telephonic/video conference meeting of the Business and Corporate Law Section (the "Section") of the Idaho State Bar was called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. on November 11, 2020, at the offices of the Idaho State Bar. Section Governing Council ("Council") members present were Cody Earl, Crystal Berry, Wendy Couture, Brian Buckham, Matt Christensen, and David Jensen. Mr. Earl presided over the meeting as Chair.

#### **Announcements**

Mr. Earl reminded members of the upcoming team up with the ISB Litigation Section and the presentation by Judge Bush and Judge Norton to be held December 18, 2020. Mr. Earl also stated that there was a conflict with the January meeting date and a new proposed date would be sent out pending approval. Additionally, Mr. Earl also stated that the Section was still looking for ideas on presenters and topics for upcoming section meetings in January and February.

# **Approval of the Minutes**

As the first order of business, Mr. Earl requested a motion approving the minutes of the meeting held October 14, 2020, which had been distributed to Section members prior to the meeting and to attendees at the meeting. After a motion duly made and seconded, the members of the Section unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting.

# **Financial Update**

The Section's Treasurer and Secretary, Crystal Berry, provide an update on the status of the Section's finances. She noted that the most recent balance sheet available at the end of September 2020 was \$40,260.00.

# **Advocate Sponsorships**

Mr. Earl reminded the Section members of the Section's participation in the January 2022 edition of the Advocate and again requested members consider submitting articles for the issue and that he was looking for volunteers to spearhead the effort to gather articles and oversee deadline submissions.

# 2021 Annual CLE Update

Mr. Taylor provided an update on the 2021 Annual CLE. Mr. Taylor stated that the CLE would likely be digital again and that he would be consulting with the governing counsel soon to set the Annual CLE committee and discuss future themes for the event. Additionally, Mr. Taylor stated that survey results would be coming out regarding the previous CLE event.

# **Non-Profit Corporations Act Update**

Mr. David Jensen provided an update on the Non-Profit Corporations Act committee. Mr. Jensen stated that the initial meeting had been carried out but that the committee was still welcoming members if anyone was interested. Mr. Jensen also stated that he would be seeking to set a regular monthly meeting in the near future and would also be allowing students to assist in the project.

# **Funding Requests**

The members were then presented with two funding requests. First Wendy Couture, presented for the University of Idaho Business and Corporate Law Writing Scholarship program and requested \$2,000.00 from the Section to help provide direct support to students in the form of scholarships for a demonstrated interest tin the Business and Corporate Law Section. Mr. Christensen asked about splitting the scholarship among multiple students and Ms. Couture stated that the program did split the proceeds among recipients. Mr. Taylor proposed an increase to the amount requested. Mr.

Christensen made a duly motion to provide funds to the Idaho Business and Corporate Law Writing Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.00 which was seconded, the members then approved the funding for the Writing Scholarship.

The second request for the University of Idaho Entrepreneurship Law Clinic was presented by Michelle Bartlett who submitted a request for \$10,000.00 in Section funds. Michelle presented on the Law Clinic and then stood for questions from the members. Mr. Hammer questions the income qualifications for the law clinic. Mr. Hinton responded to Mr. Hammer's question and stated that there was no exact number or financial criteria currently set for access to the Law clinic. Mr. Christensen then made a motion to table the Law Clinic until the next meeting, the motion was seconded and the section members agreed to defer the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic request until the following meeting.

# **November CLE Presentation**

A CLE presentation was given by Matt Christensen, the Managing Member of the Angstman Johnson, entitled "Pandemics, Elections, and Other Everyday Events."

# Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

/s/

Crystal D. Berry Secretary/Treasurer